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JUNGLE SEX CHEETAHS

TV bosses want spoken-for celebs to swing



■ by MARK JEFFERIES
WE can exclusively reveal why TV bosses have chosen attached stars for the new series of I'm A Celebrity - they want them to cheat on their partners.

All the girls taking part are in relationships. But ITV chiefs Turn to Page 4

FURY AS PM AXES CSA 8 YEARS LATE

by MACER HALL
Political Editor

TONY Blair yesterday signalled the crisis-hit Child Support Agency is going to be scrapped.

The Prime Minister admitted the hated organisation – which tries to deal with maintenance payments for split families – was “not suited” to its job.

But last night he faced anger for failing to act sooner following years of misery suffered by millions of hard-up parents and their children.

Single-parents are owed more than £1.7 billion from the CSA.

And figures yesterday showed that 35,000 blunders leading to repayments have been committed by the agency over the past four years.

Some involved as much as £50,000. Mr Blair revealed his despair in a furious clash at PM's Questions.

Mess

He said: “The truth is, the agency itself is not properly suited to carry out that task.”

He added: “The truth is it is extremely difficult and we are looking urgently at what the solutions may be to it.”

“But I have to say I think that the problem is a fundamental one which is the nature of the task that they're called upon to perform.”

Labour promised to sort out the CSA mess EIGHT years ago.

It's expected that the CSA will be broken up into at least three separate agencies.

Ministers want investigation of maintenance claims split from appeals and the collection of outstanding cash.

One option being considered is for the Inland Revenue to take over much of the work.

Mr Blair came under fire from LibDem leader Charles Kennedy over the CSA's “appalling track record”.

Figures revealed that to get a child £1.85 from the CSA £1 has to be spent on red-tape.

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Howard's exit jibe

MICHAEL Howard yesterday mocked Tony Blair for being “on his way out”.

The 64-year-old Tory leader taunted the Prime Minister, 52, during a row about schools policy, claiming Tories back his school reforms while Labour MPs oppose them.

“He and I are both on our way out,” he said. “He doesn't have much time left. He needs to spend every minute he's got persuading those on his own benches who disagree with him.”



CUFFED: Babar Ahmad escorted away after an earlier court hearing

IT'S BYE-BYE BABAR... AND GOOD RIDDANCE

Clarke boots out Brit terror suspect



DEPORTATION: Charles Clarke

HOME Secretary Charles Clarke yesterday ordered the extradition of British terror suspect Babar Ahmad to the US. America claims computer expert Ahmad raised money to support terrorism in Chechnya and Afghanistan.

The 31-year-old, of Tooting, south west London, has been accused of running websites inciting murder and urging Muslims to fight holy war.

Warrant

It took Mr Clarke, 55, six months to decide on the case. Ahmad's family said they would be appealing.

Anti-terror police arrested Ahmad in August 2004 on an extradition warrant from the US and he has been in jail ever since.

A spokesman for Ahmad's family said: “This is a sad day for Britain and an even sadder day for British Muslims.”

“In effect, this sends a message

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

to British Muslims that there is no legal and democratic means to air your concerns.” A judge ruled in May that Ahmad could face trial in the US.

Clarke had 60 days to study the judge's decision.

But he was twice given two-month extensions because of “complex representations”.

Ahmad's lawyers complained he could be at risk of the death penalty.

A Home Office statement said: “As is right and proper, the Home Secretary has given full consideration to complex representations that have been made on Mr Ahmad's behalf but is satisfied that the conditions for his extradition have been met.”

● Britain's top policeman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair last night warned that every community was at risk from “indiscriminate” terrorism.

Happy Birthday

GIRLS Aloud singer Sarah Harding celebrates her 24th birthday today



Thought for day...

THREE out of four people make up 75% of the population

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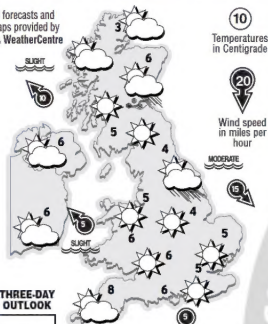
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TODAY: A frosty start and a cold day. A few showers will affect North Sea coasts. Wintry showers in Scotland. The rest of the UK will be dry. There will be sunshine for most areas, but some patches of cloud are expected.

OUTLOOK: Another frosty start tomorrow. There will be a few showers for North Sea coasts. Plenty of sunshine elsewhere. Still cold. On Saturday, there will be plenty of sunshine.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Friday
Sunny

Saturday
Sunny

Sunday
Sunny

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Dublin	sunny	6c (43f)	Nice	sunny	17c (63f)
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Dum dum claim

THE innocent Brazilian shot dead on the Tube by police was gunned down with dum dum-style bullets, it was claimed yesterday.

Met marksmen were authorised to use the hollow tip ammo, banned in warfare under international convention, to take out suicide bombers after the 7/7 attacks, according to sources.

Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, was mistaken for a terrorist and shot seven times at Stockwell underground station in south London.

LOTTO DAILY PLAY

WEDNESDAY, NOV 16

SATURDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 12

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Three tickets share the £5.4m jackpot

EXTRA: 15, 18, 22, 27, 32, 33 Tball: 15, 25, 26, 27, 29 (Tb 11)

No Extra winners. No Tball winner.

5 8 11 22 23 24 27

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 jackpot

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 9

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Three winners share £2.9 million jackpot.

Extra: 7, 12, 18, 27, 42, 44 Tball: 4, 12, 14, 18, 26 (Tb 12)

No Extra winners of £2.4m jackpot. Two £250k Tball winners.

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY, NOV 11

15, 16, 36, 41, 42

Lucky Star Numbers 3, 5

No UK winners of the £30.4m jackpot

Ruth

★ OUR Ruth is not a girl to blow her own trumpet. The 25-year-old blonde from Bolton isn't one of those brassy types who sounds off about herself.

★ She's so modest, in fact, that we didn't know until now that she could play the bugle – we thought the nearest she had ever come to a wind instrument was a tuba Smarties.

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Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

STAR TRICK



PHASERS ON STUNT Johnny Vaughan will host TV spoof Space Cadets

TV hoax is out of this world

by MARK JEFFERIES

CHANNEL 4 bosses are going to spend £5m on the biggest practical joke in telly history.

A new reality show will con people into thinking they are going into outer space.

Space Cadets will be hosted by Johnny Vaughan, 39, when it blasts off next month.

Makers Endemol – who are also behind Big Brother – have been planning the show for 18 months.

Nine participants have been told they are going into space and will have to undergo "intensive training" in deepest Russia.

But instead the group have been taken to a secret location in the UK.

Illusion

Their "Space Shuttle" is actually a Hollywood creation, made originally for the film Space Cowboys, and will never even leave the ground.

A giant, custom-built video screen outside the "spacecraft" will give the contestants the illusion of looking at Earth from orbit.

The launch sound has been created by a movie industry sound specialist, while the shuttle will be tipped back and forth to simulate the feeling of space travel.

And to help the guinea pigs believe that it is all real, Endemol bosses hired actors to pretend to be the other contestants.

But Channel 4 has admitted they could be in trouble if the contestants twig what is happening. Commissioning Editor Angela Jain said: "If we don't pull it off, the last laugh will be on us."

● Space Cadets is due to start on Channel 4 on December 7 at 9pm.

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MAD ABOUT TELLY MAD ABOUT TELLY



TAKING THE MIC: Little Britain Anne starts her song

Singer Anne is a scream

by MARK JEFFERIES

LITTLE Britain's David Williams gets to go on Stars In Their Eyes tonight in an hilarious spoof.

The comic, 33, is dressed up as oddball character Anne for the return of the hit BBC1 sketch show.

Anne tells presenter Cat Deeley: "This star is originally from Quebec."

"She represented Switzerland in the Eurovision Song Contest and she has got an old fat husband with a beard."

Anne then goes off through the famous doors for an amazing transformation, complete with sparkly silver dress. But her singing doesn't go completely according to plan.

A show source said: "Anne has been speaking to Cat for a few minutes and seems to be fine."

"But once she gets on stage, things start to go horribly wrong and I think it's fair to say she won't be invited back for the Stars In Their Eyes final."

To find out which pop star Anne is copying, watch Little Britain tonight at 9pm.



STAR TURN: Anne tells Cat who she will be on spoof show

Goat boy gets paws on Shaz's udders...

EXCLUSIVE

by MARK JEFFERIES

X FACTOR stripper Chico Slimani is groping for success - after grabbing Sharon Osbourne's lucky charms.

The cheeky singer, 34, mauled his mentor's boobs as they fooled around between practice sessions.

And game-for-a-laugh Sharon let her other contestants Brenda Edwards, 36, and Andy Abraham, 40, have a feel too.

A source said Sharon, 53, asked them if they wanted to squeeze her "bin bags".

"Chico didn't need asking twice," said our insider, "he was straight over to have a feel and then Brenda joined in."

"Sharon then joked with Andy he had felt enough bin bags before so he should give them a squeeze too. They were falling about laughing."

We can also reveal it really will be Chico Time on Saturday - when he sings his own song.

The former goat-herder decided not to do a cover and will instead belt out It's Chico Time, which he wrote with producer Mark Hudson.

But whoever wins the series is going to face a race against time to grab the Christmas No.1 spot - because fans will have just four DAYS to buy it.

The final is on December 17, and the winner will hit the studio with just 24 hours to record the track.

Stewart Allan, HMV Singles Buyer, said: "Ordinarily it would be a real handicap to the chances of any single making it to straight to No 1 without the benefit of a full week of sales, particularly when it's Christmas."

"But one of the few acts with a chance of pulling it off is the X Factor winner."

Ladbroke's have the single as 6-4 favourite ahead of 3-1 Westlife, who are releasing When You Tell Me That You Love Me with Diana Ross.

Spokesman Robin Hutchison said: "The biggest single bet is £1,000 at 6-1 which we took over the weekend."

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FEELING RUDE: Chico



GET A GRIP: Sharon



Pictures: TIM MERRY and BRUSSELL CLISBY

PLAYING AWAY: TV bosses hope Sheree Murphy, left, and Jenny Frost, above, may be tempted to stray

Sex cheats

From Page One

hope that won't stop them getting down and dirty when the show kicks off on Sunday. And that would be guaranteed to be a ratings winner.

Past contestants have given the show a massive boost with their red-hot antics.

Jordan, 27, and Peter Andre, 32 even went on to marry, while Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, 33, and Darren Day, 37, attracted millions with their "will they or won't they" flirtation.

This time around, sexy Jenny Frost, 27, has DJ fiancé Dominic Thrupp, 41, waiting back at home, while Sheree Murphy, 30, is married to footballer Harry Kewell, 27.

Kimberly Davies, 32, is a married mum of two, while Elaine Lordan, 39, Carol Thatcher, 52, and Jilly Goolden, 48, are taken, too. Among the fellas, only Sid Owen, 33, is unattached.

A TV source said: "Part of the show is about flirting. But Sid seems to be the only one who is single, so it could get very messy this time around."

"Still, that's just what the producers want. A couple of love-cheats would certainly make it a must-watch for everyone - except their partners, of course!"



GAME ON: Ant and Dec arrive at Australia's Gold Coast, ready to host the hit reality show



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GROPE I WIN

Kim and get it says babe

★ SEXY I'm A Celebrity star Kimberley Davies has already enjoyed a few fumbles outside the jungle – stripping off for a series of screen roles. The 32-year-old blonde bared her bum in the 2001 comedy *The Shrink Is In*, alongside *Friends* star Courteney Cox, 41.

★ And, as our pictures show, ex-*Neighbours* star Kimberley is not afraid to flash the flesh, dressing in a kinky rubber corset and having her breasts fondled in 2000's Aussie TV show *The Magicians*.

She also plays a scantily-clad babe in new film *Death To The Supermodels*, which sees a group of the world's most gorgeous women stranded on a desert island for a photoshoot.

★ The raunchy beauty is favourite to bare her boobs in the jungle survival show, which starts on Sunday, ahead of former *Atomic Kitten* star Jenny Frost, 27, and ex-*Emmerdale* actress Sherree Murphy, 29, wife of Liverpool footballer Harry Kewell.

TRICK OR TREAT: Oz babe Kim gets raunchy in TV romp *The Magicians*, right and inset



REAR WE GO:
Kim bares all in *The Shrink Is In*, left and below



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Kings of freebies

THEY'RE all at it! From the Prime Minister downwards, our MPs are filling their boots.

Yesterday's publication of their outside interests showed that Tony Blair enjoyed a 26-night **FREE** holiday at Sir Cliff Richard's Caribbean villa, a perk worth in excess of £40,000.

Chancellor Gordon Brown accepted several **FREE** flight upgrades.

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Hain got **FREE** tickets to watch Chelsea.

Tory leader Michael Howard accepted a **FREE** hamper from the Sultan of Brunei, one of the world's richest men.

Former Tory leader William Hague hit the jackpot with outside earnings of £920,000 in just one year.

That's more than 15 times his MP's salary of £59,000.

All this graft comes on top of a host of other bonuses enjoyed by MPs such as lavish expenses and bumper pensions.

Our MPs like to portray themselves as dedicated public servants, striving selflessly to help others.

Give us a break!

Sort CSA shambles

WHILE MPs are busy making money, they're allowing other people's cash to be mis-handled.

The Child Support Agency is a shambles on an epic scale.

New figures show that 35,000 cases, involving sums of up to £50,000, have been bungled.

The result of the chaos is that thousands of children do not receive the financial support they are legally entitled to.

Tony Blair admitted the Government organisation was "a mess" eight years ago.

But we're still waiting for his promised overhaul.

Yesterday there was more confusion over what he intends to do.

He told the Commons the CSA would be abolished, while one of his Ministers said it would be reformed.

Now we'll have to wait until next year for a statement on what's actually going to happen.

Mr Blair should sort it out - NOW.

Grope Factor

X FACTOR'S Chico had a feel of Sharon Osbourne's "bin bags".

Wait till Ozzie gets him - he'll bite his *!@*ing head off!

Jury told how brother of football

ANTHONY JUST FOR

VITAL CLUE: The pub sign Barton is alleged to have scratched with the axe that was later used to kill Anthony. Inset below, the Huyton Park pub



Picture: MERCURY PRESS

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

TEENAGER Anthony Walker was hacked to death with a 2ft-long ice axe simply because of the colour of his skin, a court heard yesterday.

The 18-year-old black student died when the razor-sharp weapon was smashed into his skull in an unprovoked attack.

A hushed courtroom was told how the axe was provided for the murder by Michael Barton, 17, brother of Manchester City midfielder ace Joey.

Barton allegedly ambushed Anthony by hiding in park bushes with Paul Taylor, 20 - a cousin of the Premiership star - and other pals after a night out at their local pub.

Anthony had been walking his girlfriend Louise Thompson, 18, to a bus stop with his cousin Marcus Binns, 17, when all three were confronted by a gang who had earlier taunted them with racial abuse.

Louise and Marcus managed to escape and ran off to get help, Liverpool Crown Court heard.

When Anthony's cousin returned to the scene, he found him lying on the ground with the axe wedged in his skull.

Jail

Immediately after the murder, Barton and Taylor drove to Dover where they boarded a 6am P&O ferry to Calais. They then crossed the Dutch border to Amsterdam.

The jury was told how, while on the run, Barton had called his brother Joey and said: "I was there, but I didn't kill him. Chomper killed him."

Chomper was the nickname of jobless Taylor, who on Tuesday admitted murdering Anthony. He faces life in jail when he is sentenced at the end of Barton's trial.

Unemployed Barton, of Huyton, Liverpool, denies murder and conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm against Anthony and his cousin Marcus.

Prosecutor Neil Flewitt QC told the court: "Both Paul Taylor and Michael



CALLLED: Soccer ace Joey

Barton were white, as is Louise Thompson. Anthony Walker and Marcus Binns are black.

"It is the prosecution case that on July 29, 2005, Taylor, Barton and others decided to pursue Anthony and Marcus for no reason other than the colour of their skin."

He said Anthony and his cousin had earlier suffered a torrent of racist abuse delivered by Barton and Taylor as they waited at a bus stop opposite the Huyton Park pub in Liverpool.

Struck

Mr Flewitt said: "They walked away, but were followed by a car which contained Taylor and Barton."

"The three tried to escape by walking into McGoldrick Park, but were confronted by the men once more."

"Although Marcus and Louise were able to run away and escape their attackers, Anthony Walker was not so fortunate."

"He was struck to the head and killed by a single blow from an ice axe."

"Tragically, he had sustained a catastrophic head injury and, despite the best efforts of all those who treated him, he could not



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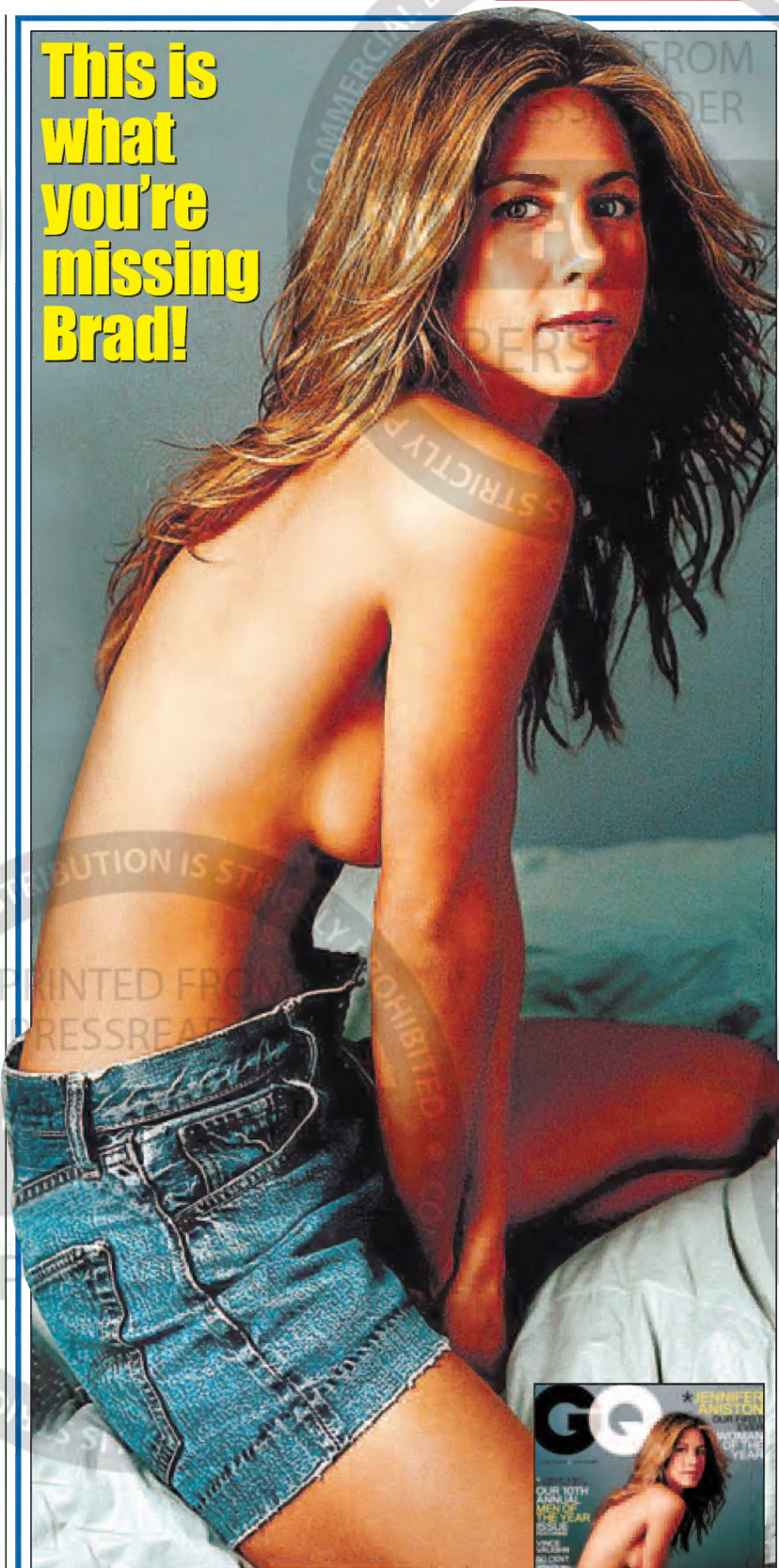
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This is what you're missing Brad!



■ by DREW MacKENZIE

★ SLIM and sexy Jennifer Aniston gives Brad Pitt a raunchy reminder of what he's missing these days. Seeing 36-year-old Jen stripped off for this steamy pose on the cover of GQ magazine might even make former husband Brad, 41, wonder how he ever came to split up with her. ★ But the ex-Friends star claims she is now having the time of her life with new love Vince Vaughn, 35, her co-star in The Break-Up. She told the magazine that she had danced and laughed more in two months than in the last 10 years. Life before that, presumably, was the Pitts.

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MPs fill their boots with big-money freebies

GIFT OF THE GRAB!

Hey Cliff, do you know I need a summer holiday?

by MACER HALL, Political Editor
GRASPING MPs' haul of perks and freebies was blown wide open yesterday.

Most pocketed thousands of pounds from firms and media appearances on top of their Commons pay.

And many lapped up free trips to virtually every country in the world as well as hospitality and front-row seats at Wimbledon and Grand Prix races and top football matches.

Tony Blair was among the top names listed in the annual Register of Members' Interests with a freebie 26-night holiday worth £40,000 at singer Sir Cliff Richard's Barbados villa.

The Prime Minister - whose salary is £124,000 - says he made a donation to charity in lieu of the cost.

But Mr Blair, 52, faced more embarrassment at having to outline his and wife Cherie's money-spinning ways.

Mrs Blair, 51, published a book about life in Downing Street and went on big-money speaking tours to the US, Australia and New Zealand.

EARNER

"These engagements included some discussion of my wife's life in No.10 Downing Street," says Mr Blair.

He does not reveal how much cash she pocketed from the speeches - reported to be more than £100,000.

But the pay-day pales alongside the Commons' big earner, ex-Tory leader William Hague, 44.

He pulled in a wallet-bursting £920,000 from activities that include books, articles and TV appearances. Speeches to companies and sport clubs at up to £10,000 a time earned him £385,000.

Bumbling fellow Tory Boris Johnson, 41, made more than £150,000 from journalism, TV appearances and speeches.

And Tory Theresa May, 49 - famed for her snazzy footwear - admitted getting a dis-

You strum it Tony & I'll sing

count card from shoemakers Russell and Bromley.

The freeload comes on top of the £59,000 salary for an MP or £83,000 for a minister, plus average expenses of £122,000 a year.

Left-winger George Galloway, 51, the Respect party MP for Bethnal Green, earned up to £155,000 from books, articles and TV appearances.

Former Chancellor Ken Clarke, 64, made extra cash from British American Tobacco and by presenting jazz programmes for BBC radio.

Meanwhile, Tory leader Michael Howard, 64, admits to tucking into a Christmas hamper from the Sultan of Brunei.

Cabinet Minister and Chelsea fan Peter Hain, 55, enjoys free trips to watch his Stamford Bridge heroes - courtesy of Sky Sports. Labour's

Tony Lloyd, 55, scores with "occasional hospitality and tickets from Manchester United Football Club".

But Tory James Duddridge, 34, and his wife are happy to settle for a regular seat in the directors' box at Southend United.

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BLUE CHIP: Tory Hague is top earner

PRIME SPOT: Blair in Barbados as guest of Cliff Richard, inset left

Lighten that diet

READY meals and pizzas are to get "traffic light" labels to stop shoppers stuffing their trolleys with junk food.

The Food Standards Agency says their research showed that the red, amber and green labels can help people eat more healthily.

The traffic light rating - which will be launched next year - shows how much fat, sugar and salt is present in the product.

The special labels will also be used on pies, sandwiches and burgers, and eventually on all types of foods.

Abi tot's named

STABBING victim Abigail Witchalls and her husband have named their "miracle" baby son Dominic - which means "of the Lord".

Devout Catholic Abigail, 26, gave birth on Friday at St George's Hospital in Tooting, south London, with husband Benoit, 27, at her side.

She was left paralysed after being stabbed in the neck in front of their son Joseph, two, near their home in Little Bookham, Surrey, on April 30.

She was pregnant at the time and medics did not expect the tot to survive.

Cave lad 'a hero'

THE schoolboy who died in a caving accident sacrificed his own life to save his pals, it was revealed yesterday.

Joe Lister, 14, of Tadcaster, North Yorks, let his fellow students escape first when the cave was flooded during a school trip.

His body was later found in the Manchester Hole cave at Upper Nidderdale, North Yorks.

Pal Lee Murphy, 14, a fellow pupil at Tadcaster Grammar School, said Joe "died a hero".

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UP IN ARMS: The fighting family

MANE EVENT

Narnia but the brave in lion Liam's movie pride

by NADINE LINGE

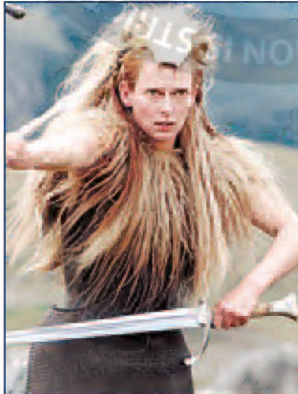
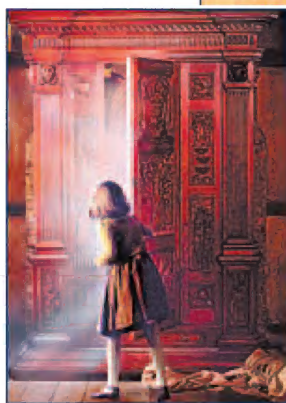
GET set for the lion's share of thrills and spills when fantasy favourite The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe roars on to movie screens next month.

And watch out for the mane man behind that hairy lion - Hollywood hunk Liam Neeson, 53. He provides the voice for Aslan, the big cat hero of the hotly-awaited film based on CS Lewis's epic tale.

The magnificent talking lion takes on the evil White Witch, played by The Beach actress Tilda Swinton, 45 - seen here in terrifying sword-wielding form - and confronts her amid a blizzard of mind-blowing special effects.

His helpers are four brothers and sisters who find their way into his magical kingdom of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe. If your own wardrobe hasn't got a secret door, you'll just have to wait until the movie hits British cinemas on December 8.

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CUTTING EDGE: Tilda the witch



THE CAT'S WHISKERS: The gentle lion of the Narnia tale comes to life, with Liam Neeson providing the voice. Inset, the magic wardrobe

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AWARD-WINNING

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Get set for the all-day hangover

HOW'S this for timing? Culture Minister Tessa Jowell admits we can all look forward to an upsurge in alcohol fuelled violent crime

And she does it at exactly the moment 24-hour drinking gets its final go-ahead.

Home Secretary Charles Clarke says it'll take years to wean us off our binge drinking habit.

Met Police chairman Glen Smyth confesses: "Our officers are overwhelmed by a sea of drunken, violent, vomiting yobs who, when they're not fighting each other, are falling through shop windows."

"That's now. What will it be like with a licensing free-for-all?"

And the Government writes out a fat cheque for £2.5million of our money to clamp down on pre-Christmas drink-related offences.

The theory behind 24-hour drinking is simple. If we have access to alcohol at all times of the day and night we'll suddenly be transformed into civilised Europeans, quaffing a single glass of Sancerre while spreading runny brie on a brioche and sounding off about Proust.

No longer will we pour alcohol down our necks till we urinate all over passing old ladies and fall senseless into puddles of our own puke.

The Government claims endless supplies of drink on tap will turn us into sensible, sober citizens. As my 16-year-old would say: "Yeah, right!"

Binge drinking is part of British society. Prolonging pub hours will have just one constructive effect – to expand, prolong and magnify our binges till we're so rat-arsed we can't even remember the words to Show Me The Way To Go Home.

We'll blow even more money on booze. It'll be the rent money, the heating money, the Christmas present money, but at four in the morning we won't give a monkey's.

The problem caused by gangs of yobs all spilling out of the pubs in one mayhem-inducing crowd won't be stopped. It'll simply be staggered over hour after infuriating hour.

Pity anyone who lives within spitting distance of a pub. It'll be torture without end.

Will 24-hour drinking herald the dissolution of society? Of course not.

But will it take us even further down the route to Sodom and Gomorrah, even further into ASBO culture till our daughters cop off with blokes whose names they never knew and our gutters run with rivers of vomit and urine?

What do you think?

MAD MARVEL

SO she's 47? Am I bovvered? Her Madge is doing more for women of an uncertain age than HRT ever could.

She's lusty, lissom and as lithe and flexible as an 18-year-old.

She's strutting her stuff in fishnets, a purple blouson jacket and aviator shades. It's an outfit that would make anyone look ludi-

crous, but her confidence and self-belief are so overwhelming, she manages to convince us all that she looks 100% sensational.

The woman is a marvel. She's living, breathing proof that there's more to 40-somethings than Botox and support tights.

I love her. I don't care who knows it. By the time she does 60 it'll be the new 25.

APPARENTLY British women take the lead in bed. I don't actually mean the lead. We're not all into that doggie and mistress collar and "Heel, boy!" stuff.

I mean we initiate sex. At least, we say we do when we tick the survey boxes.

Privately, I suspect the truth is different. Men fantasise about sexually assertive women, but in the flesh, we terrify them. They want what they want when they want it.

Ask for it when they don't and they're terrified they won't manage anything at all. The secret of a good sex life? Act like you want it whenever he does.

I'm panting to see the pantomime celebs...

ISAW Carol Thatcher at some showbiz fandango the other day, and, frankly, it's frightening. She's half trannie, half pantomime dame.

She's got her mother's vowels and her dad's dress sense.

Stick her in the jungle with David Dickinson, TV's

most foul tempered "expert", and Long Haired Lover from Liverpool, long-in-the-tooth, "Little" Jimmy Osmond, then throw in a former Atomic Kitten and Sid Owen – whose attempt to release a reggae single was so disastrous he was forced to flee to New Zealand – and what

have you got? Television gold.

Your love life's in tatters? Your cash has run out? Who the heck cares!

Stay in, eat Marmite on toast and wallow in the misfortunes of the most magnificently chosen array of misfits and miserable gits ITV has ever cobbled together.

IT'S YOUR FATE, KATE

WHAT now for Kate Moss? More of the same, of course. More fawning sycophants crawling up her perfectly formed rear end.

More fashion and fragrance houses falling over themselves to use her to plug their "fresh", "natural" products even though no-one can forget the pictures of Ms Moss with a rolled note stuffed up that pretty little nose.

More frolicking about with unsuitable men while someone else looks after her three-year-old

daughter. More moronic whining from the fashionistas about how "darling Kate" – pictured with a different kind of Coke in Barcelona this week – was betrayed by an unprincipled Judas.

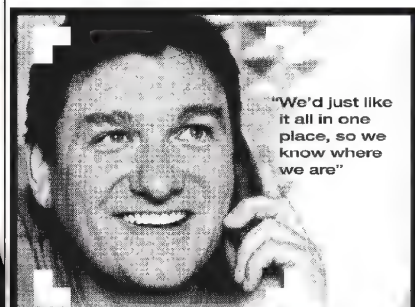
The bottom line – and I use the word line deliberately – is that as long as Kate shifts product, she's in. The moment her debauched lifestyle's reflected in her face and her thighs go south, her loyal supporters will desert her in droves and latch onto the next golden goose.

Send 'em black

WHAT'S the current fixation with black Xmas trees about? Ever since Prince Albert brought them to Britain, Chrissie trees have been supposed to be about tidings of comfort and joy – not about sterile style statements.

A wonky tree covered in battered baubles, home-made favours and family favourites that don't match is what Christmas is all about.

Displaying a "tasteful" minimalist black Christmas tree is all about showing off and oneupmanship, hardly an essential part of the Christmas message. Bah! Humbug!



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Vibes so good for Mariah

SONGSTRESS Mariah Carey is obviously still on a high after scooping four gongs at the Vibe Awards in California's Culver City.

Resplendent in rhinestones – a look probably only she can work – the 35-year-old warbler looked stunning at a Hollywood record signing.

Mariah was handing out copies of

her award-winning album *The Emancipation Of Mimi*.

And the animal-loving pop queen, who is devoted to her pooch Jack, has been using her new lease of life to help good causes.

The star sent fur coats from a rich fan to animal rights crusaders Peta because she doesn't agree with the cruel trade.

Good fur her.



WESTLIFE'S WACKO NEW YEAR



Jamie 'n Frank are dishy duo

PHWOAR blimey... fellow female diners at London's Nobu Berkeley restaurant could barely believe their luck when ex-footballer Jamie Redknapp and FIT Frank Lampard turned up.

And the fine fellas looked lovely in their leather jackets.

Chelsea midfielder Frank, 27, donned jeans and a black shirt for the occasion and Jamie, 32, also opted for the laid-back casual look.

Onlookers outside the venue said they behaved like true gents when they were asked for their autographs.

Ahhh.

Boys' party thriller

WESTLIFE are hoping to see in the New Year in cracking style – by meeting up with Wacko Jacko.

The boys, pictured above with our Amy and Leigh, have become close friends with Michael Jackson's pal Diana Ross.

Kian Egan, 25, Shane Filan, 25, Nicky Byrne, 27, and 25-year-old Mark Feehily switched on the Christmas lights in London's Oxford Street.

And afterwards they revealed they hope to meet Jackson, 47.

Nicky said: "We're all going home for Christmas to spend time with our families and we'll celebrate what a great time we've had."

Asked about working with ex-Supremes star Diana, Shane added: "She is amazing and speaks fondly of her good pal Michael Jackson."

"Now that would be a great way to see in the New Year. She's having a party that he'll be at this New Year's Eve and hopefully we'll be there."

"Maybe next year we'll work with him, who knows..."

Earlier in the evening the famous four-

some stood by as their manager **Louis Walsh**, 51, was booed by a crowd of 12,000 for his tactics on *The X-Factor* – but Kian stuck up for him.

He said: "He is such a great fantastic guy and really full of talent."

The boys have been working with Diana, 61, on a version of her 1991 hit *You Tell Me That You Love Me*.

And the bets are on that it could make a Christmas No.1.

But the lads insist they won't be heartbroken if that doesn't happen.

Shane said: "It's not going to be the end of the world if we don't do it."

High

"We're just pleased to be going so strong after all these years. The fans have been incredible."

Westlife, currently riding high with their single *You Raise Me Up*, will make another trip to South Africa this weekend to perform in Soweto.

Diana and **Christina Aguilera**, 24, will also take part in a charity concert.

Sounds like the boys will be rubbing some seriously starry shoulders for some time.

We await our next audience!

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?

QUICKIE...

KATE Winslet dropped three dress sizes because she was sick of stick-thin actresses scooping all the best movie roles.

The 30-year-old - who once vowed to keep her curves - cut out wheat and dairy to lose the pounds.

A friend said: "She finds it frustrating that slimmer - often less talented - girls are getting the big jobs."

QUICKIE...

ROCKER Tommy Lee reckons skydiving beats sex. The **Motley Crue** drummer who's flirting with Celeb Love Island's **Jayne Middlemiss**, 34, as we revealed yesterday - told how a tandem parachute jump with an instructor went wrong. The chute at first refused to open - but Tommy, 43, says the high when it did was even better than sex.

SNAP A CELEB

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Madge-fer-it fans go Koko

MADONNA drove fans loco at Koko when she hit the club to showcase new album *Confessions On A Dancefloor*.

She ran through five songs at the London venue where she made her live UK debut 22 years ago.

And it was chaos outside when the Material Girl, 47, left with hubby **Guy Ritchie**, 37, in tow.

Celebs who turned out included **Mel C**, 30, and sexy **Donna Air**, 26, below right. With all the hype going on, we predict the album will go straight to No.1 on Sunday. Let's face it, short of giving it away, she's practically sold her soul for sweet success.

Frankly, it's easy

FUNNYMAN Frank Skinner has taken a swipe at talk show hosts like **Jonathan Ross** and **Michael Parkinson** claiming "anyone can do it".

The telly star, who interviews celebs himself on ITV, has hinted he wants to go back on the road doing stand-up gigs.

"Anyone can be a chat show host," said Frank, 48. "You could take some Big Brother contestant, put them in the chair and they'd be okay."

SPOTTED

IN London: **Liberty X** in Wagamama, Camden, Living TV presenter **Gail Porter** walking through Primrose Hill park and **Jade Goody** at Victoria station.

Nicole Richie wearing shades at Heathrow Terminal 1, **Cilla Black** at Manchester Airport and **Cat Deeley** at the Lowry hotel, Manchester.

Leo's Dun with Bun

NEWLY-single superstar **Leo DiCaprio** is being linked to Spider-Man beauty **Kirsten Dunst**. Titanic star Leo, 31, recently split from long-term love **Gisele Bündchen**, 25, amid rumours of an affair.

Then Leo and Kirsten, 23, were spotted cuddling at L.A. nightclub Privilege at the weekend.

"You could feel the chemistry between the two," an onlooker said. "It looked hard for them to take their eyes off one another."

Bootyful Beyoncé

THE Bootylicious **Beyoncé Knowles** created a dazzling picture when she showed up at a charity event along with her fellow Destiny's Child sirens **Michelle Williams**, 25, and **Kelly Rowland**, 23.

And 24-year-old Beyoncé spoke about her support of World Children's Day at the Ronald McDonald House in Los Angeles, before wowing the audience with a mind blowing performance.

Again. What a girl!

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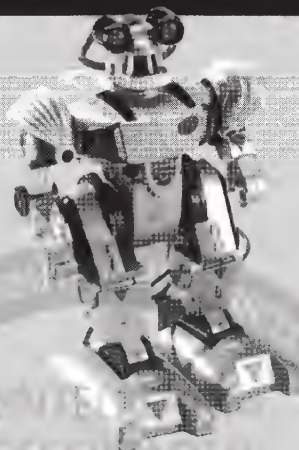
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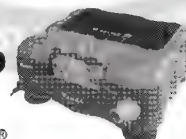
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Brit's out... alone again

BRA-LESS Britney Spears makes a couple of good points as she nips to the vets, leaving hubby Kevin Federline puffing... on a cig. Dancer Kevin, 27, grabbed a quick gasper, above, while new mum Brit, 23, ran her doggie errands in Malibu. An onlooker said: "Kevin went to buy a drink and cigarettes, while Britney took care of the chores. 'It's odd they don't do more things together.'"

Pictures: X17AGENCY.COM



LEGAL AID FOR £40K-A-WEEK STAR SPITTER

FURY erupted last night after soccer star El Hadji Diouf escaped with a £500 fine after spitting at a schoolboy fan.

And taxpayers will foot the huge bill for his lawyers.

The £40,000-a-week Bolton striker was given Legal Aid because he's a French speaker thought unable to defend himself - yet a judge then ruled Diouf didn't even have to appear in court for sentencing to spare him from a "media scrum".

by JERRY LAWTON

Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium a year ago.

Diouf was fined yesterday at Teesside Magistrates' Court after he admitting causing harassment, alarm and distress to the youngster.

But James's angry parents last night blasted the sentence - and the VIP treatment Diouf got in court.

The 24-year-old footballer was given

Legal Aid so taxpayers will cover his costs. And District Judge Mike Woods agreed to sentence him in his absence.

James's mum Barbara, 48, of Middlesbrough, raged: "This man earns £40,000 a week. Surely he could pay his own legal bills?"

"And he should have been made to attend the court."

"It's one rule for rich people and another for the rest. We weren't even told this case was due in court and James wants to know why nobody has said sorry for what happened."

Publicity

Last night, a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Affairs admitted it was "unusual" for anyone to be sentenced in their absence simply to avoid publicity and promised an investigation.

Diouf was fined £5,000 in 2003 after spitting at Celtic fans during a UEFA Cup tie. Neither he nor his club would comment.



SPAT: James and gobby striker Diouf

Fined

Britain's court bosses later vowed to investigate the way it was handled. Diouf showered 11-year-old Middlesbrough fan James Shields with a mouthful of water after he'd been substituted during a match.

The Senegalese ace - previously fined for spitting at rival fans - had just left the pitch to a barrage of boos during a Premiership game at

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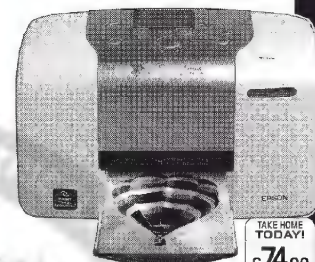
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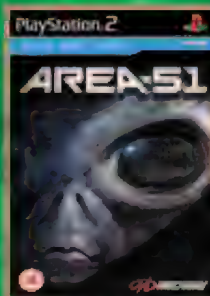
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Nikki's rockin' on in style

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by MAZ PARTASIDES

★ FORMER Corrie cracker Nikki Sanderson really rocks 'em in this show-stopping lingerie.

The luscious actress was seen leaving the Street last week when her character, Candice, won a job as hairdresser to the stars – touring with Status Quo.

★ Nikki, 21, decided to leave the ITV soap so she could see more of her boyfriend, former Corrie co-star Danny Young, 19.

To prove what a lucky lad he is, she peeled down to her undies for these sexy shots. Let's hope we'll see a lot more of her, too.

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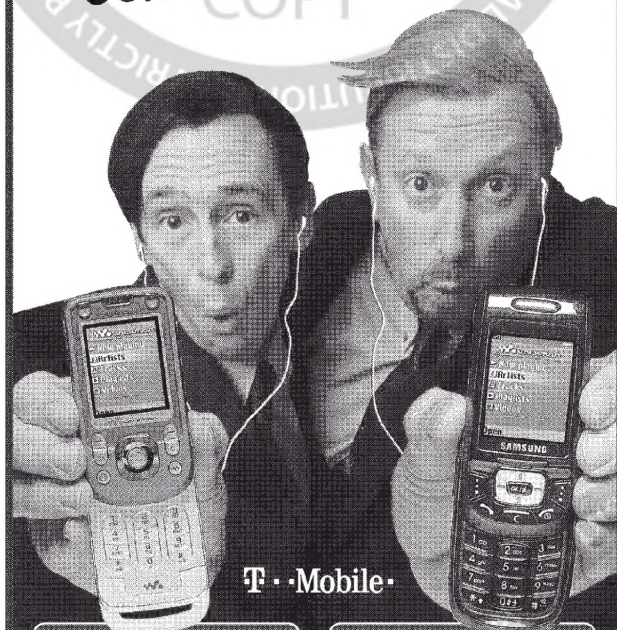
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BUD LUCK: Mark shows off his flash new motor. Workmate Jason, inset, won last week's Honda

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I WON A CAR LIKE MY PAL IN THE DAILY STAR

LUCKY joiner Mark Davenport entered a Daily Star contest after his workmate scooped a new car last week ... and now he's won too!

Incredibly, the pair of pals – who work just 10 paces from each other – are both now driving around in spanking new £17,000 Honda Civic Type-R motors.

Last week we told how 35-year old Jason Morgan became the first winner of our Nobby's Knows trivia competition and landed his dream car. And he was bragging so much about his good fortune that Mark, 38,

by JOHN MAHONEY

decided to have a shot at this week's identical motor, having not entered in Week One.

And, amazingly, he got the magic call telling him he had become the second worker on the bounce from the Central 4 plant in Oldham to win our fabulous prize.

"Even if I had a calculator now, I couldn't begin working out the odds of this happening," said Mark, who makes greeting card displays.

"I'm pals with Jason, but I had no idea he had won the car,

because I was away at the time. When I got back, he was going on about it non-stop, so – being a Daily Star reader – I thought I'd have a go, too.

"Never in a million years did I expect to win. Everyone's saying we must be working at the luckiest firm in Britain!"

Now Mark is flogging his three-year old Shogun and treating his girlfriend to spins in his new Honda.

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STAR FUN



"Of course I look terrible! I've been boozing all night"



"By the way — you left me on the wrong doorstep last night"



Big licks from Tara

★ RED-HOT Tara Reid looked on fire as she celebrated her 30th birthday with a huge bash in Miami Beach. The curvy actress, who dazzled party-goers in jeans and a cleavage-revealing top, tucked into a huge chocolate birthday cake and even licked every bit of icing from two sparklers.



Picture: BIGPICTURES



YOU BEAUT: Brits want to wake up to Bono and U2

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

Music takes up six years of our life

TUNED-IN Brits spend six years of their lives listening to music.

And U2, fronted by Bono, 45, is the band most people want to wake up to. Their hit Beautiful Day has been voted the No 1 morning song when the alarm goes off at 7am, according to a new survey. But by the time commuters are on their way to work an hour later The Beatles classic Magical Mystery Tour is the tune

by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

of choice. Almost half of those quizzed for the perfect playlist said Bono and the boys topped their chart of songs they want to hear first thing.

Drift

Let Me Entertain You by pop hunk Robbie Williams, 31, is the track most people like to listen to as they get ready for a night out. And when it's time to go to bed a third of us want to drift off to jazz legend Louis Armstrong's classic What a Wonderful World. Tina Withington, from electronics firm Philips which put together the poll, said: "It is impressive to think that in our busy lives we manage to spend six years of it listening to music."

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THE PERFECT PLAYLIST

7am — wake up — U2 Beautiful Day
8am — going to work — The Beatles, Magical Mystery Tour
9am — stuck in traffic — Fleetwood Mac, Go Your Own Way
2pm — getting ready for important meeting — Aretha Franklin, Respect
7pm — getting ready to go out — Robbie Williams, Let Me Entertain You
9pm — chilling out — Commodores, Easy
10pm — after a row — U2, With or Without You
11pm — romance time — Eric Clapton, Wonderful Tonight
12am — going to sleep — Louis Armstrong, What A Wonderful World

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WIN A PHONE

PLUS MADONNA'S FAB KOKO GIG

QUEEN of Pop **Madonna** played a stunning show at London's KOKO on Tuesday but fear not if you missed it.

O₂ customers can watch the exclusive five-track set on their mobile via O₂ Active and I've teamed up with the mobile network to offer five readers a Motorola PEBL handset with the gig installed.

To enter, tell me: What is the title of Madonna's new album? Then ring 0905 072 0769 with your answer. Calls cost 75p per minute from a BT landline and should last no longer than two minutes. Alternatively, text

JOEMOTT followed by a space, your answer, name and details to 88833. Texts cost £1.50 plus your normal network operator rate.

Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries received by noon tomorrow. Normal Daily Star rules apply.

The editor's decision is final. The Madonna video clips cost £1, Polytones £2.50 and True tones cost £3.50. Terms and conditions apply. See www.o2.co.uk/music for full costs and service information.



O2 Music

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POP Idol 2 winner **Michelle McManus** has signed a new record deal with Sanctuary. She's starting afresh since splitting with manager **Simon Fuller** and SonyBMG.

Michelle, 25, told me: "I'm performing my new single *Breaking Free* on *Children In Need*. I'm hoping for the best."

WILL Young wants to play Pat Butcher's love child in *EastEnders*.

The Switch It On chap is hoping to expand his acting repertoire after landing a part in Mrs Henderson Presents, out next week.

Will, 26, told MTV's TRL: "I want to be Pat's lovechild. Pat could have slept with someone from the Royal counties."

SHOT

TOP 10 DOWNLOADS

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|--------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 (1) | Hung Up | Madonna |
| 2 (2) | You Raise Me Up | Westlife |
| 3 (5) | My Humps | Black Eyed Peas |
| 4 (3) | Push The Button | Sugababes |
| 5 (4) | I Bet You Look Good... | Arctic Monkeys |
| 6 (7) | Gold Digger | Kanye West feat Jamie Foxx |
| 7 (8) | Don't Cha | Pussycat Dolls feat Busta Rhymes |
| 8 (15) | Dirty Harry | Gorillaz |
| 9 (12) | Stickwit U | Pussycat Dolls |
| 10 (6) | Tripping | Robbie Williams |



Kaisers KO'd

BUG WRECKS TOUR



THE Kaiser Chiefs' European tour is in chaos after a deadly virus hit their tour.

The lads - currently on a mammoth European jaunt - have had to cancel a string of dates in Spain after the bug was discovered.

Singer **Ricky Wilson**, 28, (above) bassist **Simon Rix**, 26, keyboard player **Peanut**, 27, guitarist **Whitey**, 32 and drummer **Nick Hodgson**, 28 were forced to get emergency medical advice after a roadie contracted a "highly contagious and rare virus".

The band haven't yet revealed what the condition is and the Leeds-based quintet are facing an agonising wait to see if any of them test positive.

Worried

An insider told me: "The guys are really worried."

"One of their crew has been struck down so they've been ordered to cancel all forthcoming engagements for the time being to see if it has spread."

"It's a nervous time for all." A spokesman for the band apologised to disappointed fans, adding: "These are the first shows in Kaiser Chiefs' history we have cancelled."

"The cancellation is caused by an outbreak of a highly contagious and rare virus in our travel party."

We've got our fingers crossed the boys and the roadie will be back on track soon.



Picture: JUSTIN GOFF, CDUK

HEIDI Range looks anything but unattractive as she performs the Sugababes' new single *Ugly* on cd:uk.

The belly-baring blonde, 23, stepped into the studio for a pre-record of the show, which airs this Saturday on ITV1.

The girls' producer extraordinaire, **Dallas Austin**, penned the tune for the trio in 10 minutes after hearing several harsh opinions of their individual styles.

Luckily the result is just gorgeous.

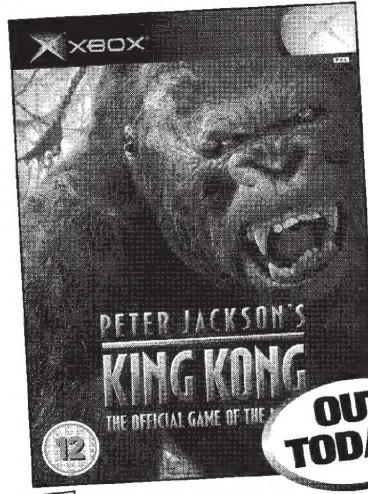
Darkness descends on Pete...

DARKNESS drummer **Ed Graham** has vowed to give potty **Pete Doherty** a good hiding.

Ed, 29, thinks **Babyshambles** frontman Doherty, 25, would benefit from getting duffed up. He told Orange world: "I would like to smash him in the face really hard. I hate everything about him."

And guitarist **Dan Hawkins**, 29, added: "Glamorising smoking crack to teenagers is a really bad thing to do."

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